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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	10/042,287	HIRANO ET AL.
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Period for Reply

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 October 2002.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 25 June 2002 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. New corrected drawings are required in this application because the current drawings are not labeled in English. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsperson outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. It is not clear and not described what a "carrier wave in which the control program is embodied as a data signal" means. For purposes of examination it is assumed this limitations mean some type of magnetic or electronic storage device.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the

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applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1 through 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Smith, US 2002/0067289.
3. As per claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, Smith discloses a map display control apparatus, a map information update apparatus, the map display control apparatus comprises a map display control unit that control a display device so as to display a map on the display device based upon the map display data in paragraph 32; a communication control unit that connects with the map information update apparatus via a digital mobile telephone system to engage in exchange of digital data in paragraph 25; a map information transmission init that transmits information related to the map currently displayed on the display device to the map information update apparatus via the communication control unit in paragraph 32; a map information reception unit that receives information related to the map updated by the map information update apparatus from the map information update apparatus via the communication control unit in paragraph 32; the map display control unit being enabled to control the display device so as to update the map display on the display device based upon the updated information related to the map received at the map information reception unit in paragraph 32; the map information update apparatus comprises a communication control unit that connects with the map display control apparatus vie the digital mobile telephone system to engage in exchange of digital data in paragraph 32; a map information update reception unit that receives information related to the map currently

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displayed on the display device from the map display control apparatus via the communication control unit, a map display update database unit that stores map display data for update related to the map display data utilized by the map display control apparatus, a map information update unit that updates the information related to the map by using the map display data for update related to the map display data utilized by the map display control apparatus, and an update map information transmission unit that transmits the information related to the map updated by the map information update unit to the map display control apparatus via the communication control unit in paragraph 32.

4. As per claims 10 through 13, it is inherent in Smith that there is a recording medium for storing the control program since the system is microprocessor based.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

6. Li et al., US 2002/0029226, discloses method for combining data with maps.

7. Rigo et al., US 2002/0049535, discloses wireless interactive voice-actuated mobile telematic system.

8. Hamada et al., US 2002/0072848, discloses landmark update system and navigation device.

9. Hubschneider et al., US 2002/0091486, discloses motor vehicle navigation system that receives route information from a central point.

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10. Xu et al., 6401027, disclose remote road traffic data collection and intelligent vehicle highway system.

Golding, 5933100, discloses automobile navigation system with dynamic traffic data.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian J. Broadhead whose telephone number is 703-308-9033. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William A. Cuchlinski can be reached on 703-308-3873. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1113.

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